

DEV 075 Sample Paragraph: Definition

Anger



Anger is having a feeling of hatred toward someone or something. It is one of our basic emotions and can be most dangerous if it is not carefully controlled. A person can become angry when he cannot fulfill some basic need or desire that is important to him. For example, a child may become angry when he cannot play outside with his friends. An adult may become angry when he does not receive a raise in pay that he expected. Mentally, anger can interfere with our thoughts, making it difficult to think clearly. Physically, it may cause violent reactions in the muscles and in the nervous system. This causes an angry person to flush and tremble and to show other signs of disturbance. A person can be dangerous if he is in an angry mood because he can develop feelings of hostility and hatred toward another person, which can then often turn violent.

Happiness



Happiness is a very complex emotion that can be felt in many ways. It can come from the senses: the sight of a smile on a child's face, the smell of flowers in the air, the feeling of the sun on one's face, or the sound of music. Happiness can also come from basic necessities such as food for the hungry, a blanket for the cold, and a drink for the thirsty. More lasting emotions can give rise to happiness, too-- for example, love: love of parents, brothers and sisters, husband or wife, and love of all mankind. In essence, happiness seems to result from being in accord with life and its experiences. When such happiness is achieved, it can bring great peace of mind.

A Hostess



A dining room hostess's position is very important in a Burger King restaurant. For instance, she makes sure the dining room is always neat and clean. She is responsible for washing the windows and ledges, sweeping and mopping the floor, and making sure each table is cleaned after each customer finishes his meal. Also, the hostess is very much responsible for making the kids happy by distributing new toys: iron-ons, race cars, boats, puppets, pencils, bikebags, and all sorts of other things. Furthermore, the hostess's relationship with the adult customers must always be on a friendly basis, whether they are regular or new. She is there to get the customer whatever he didn't get at the counter such as napkins, salt, straws, or even a refill on his coffee. It is very important to keep the customers happy so that they will continue to come to Burger King, and the hostess's cheerful attitude is one reason they always come back.

Youth



A youth is a person who is going to carry on what an adult has started. He is going to sit in the Congress where adults are presently sitting and attend Rule Committee meetings which adults think are important. Although adults may legislate drug, alcohol, and traffic laws, this youth will determine the success or failure of these laws by obeying or defying them. Also, he will assume control over adult duties, states and nations. Furthermore, he is going to move in and take over adult churches, schools, universities and corporations. In addition, all adult publications, such as Time and the Wall Street Journal, are going to be judged, praised or condemned by him. The fate of humanity is in his hands. So it might be well to pay him some attention.

Fearlessness or Necessity



Webster's dictionary gives the definition of courage as fearlessness. However, I feel that most acts of courage are done out of necessity. To some little children, the act of courage means spending the night alone or in a dark room. This is done out of the need to be accepted by their playmates. Adults give out medals of courage to soldiers for killing the enemy in times of war. The majority of these soldiers shoot at the enemy just in hopes of surviving. Also, society feels that if someone stands up for his rights -- whether for political, religious, sexual, or racial reasons -- he is displaying courage. In today's society, however, it is unavoidable for a person to take a stand because society does not exactly hand out rights to him on a silver platter. Courage: is it fearlessness or necessity? I personally agree with the necessity point of view.